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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Placement Division, Office of Personnel

SUBJECT: Payment of EOD Travel of [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] is being entered on duty for assignment to the Far East-Pacific Branch, Geography Division, OEGI. In my view, he is fully qualified as a geographer to undertake Far Eastern work at a junior professional level. It is our assumption and belief that [REDACTED] after on-the-job experience, will become a fully qualified Far Eastern specialist.

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2. [REDACTED] fits into the category of Geographers that I referred to in my memorandum of 13 September 1967 to the Deputy Director for Support, requesting payment of EOD moving and travel costs for hard-to-recruit personnel. He fully qualifies as a geographer with training in Far Eastern studies and is in the "hard-to-recruit" category. It would be difficult to define his degree of specialization in Far Eastern studies, and I assume that it was not the intent of Mr. [REDACTED] in approving the coverage of travel costs for geographers in Far Eastern studies to insist that they all be specialists. [REDACTED] does have the potential for becoming a specialist and this is what counts.

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3. I sincerely hope that we will not be held up on approval for payment of travel and transportation of household effects by the interpretation of the word "specialist".

Signed
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Director

Basic and Geographic Intelligence

cc: Chief, Administrative Staff, O/DDI

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